

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3220 - SB 3542

February 26, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires licensed psychologists, psychological examiners, senior psychological examiners, and certified psychological assistants to, as a condition of license renewal, obtain three hours of the continuing education requirements established by the Board of Examiners of Psychology in a face-to-face, Board-defined Type One continuing education activity that pertains to ethics and Tennessee jurisprudence rational to the practice of psychology.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed bill would remove the Board's discretion to permit the three hours of continuing education to be taken online. Any rulemaking to meet the new licensure renewal standards can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings and can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board.
- The Division of Health Related Boards will ensure compliance with the new requirement for licensees whose continuing education is audited. This will not result in a significant fiscal impact on the Division.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Board had a cumulative balance of \$412,718.39 and the Division had a cumulative balance of \$10,859,982.82.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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